

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the last paragraph on Page 31, line 17 to page 32, line 5, with the following paragraph:

In step s1002, the range of the signature log that is to be transmitted to the user specified in step S1001 is determined by use of the user information file 214. First, (1) it finds out the signature number of the transaction log entry having recorded therein the signature log partner specified in step S1001, and then (2) it checks the signature number of the latest published-on-newspaper signature log entry. The range of the log to be transmitted is from the signature number of (1) to that of (2). If the user A is specified by record 612 in step S1001 as the partner to which the signature log is to be sent, the range of signature log in which the values of signature number 617 are 1-5 is to be transmitted to the user A because the value of item 617 of record 612 information item 619 shows the user A and the value of item 617 of record 611 of which the type item 618 shows reception and the value of signature number 617 of record 615 are 1 and 5, respectively.